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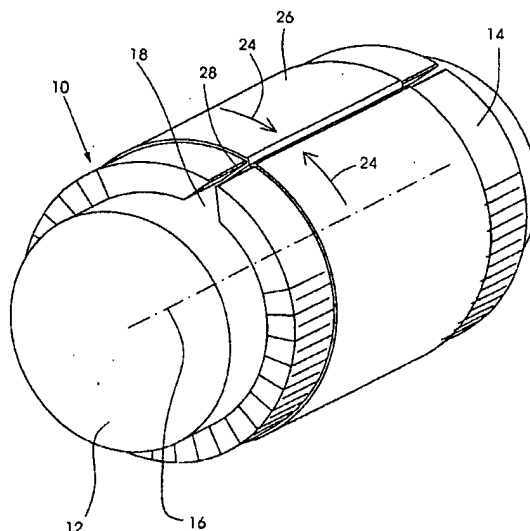
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(57) Abstract: A packing sleeve (10) having an outer lateral surface (14) for a printing unit cylinder (12) of an offset printing press is disclosed, wherein the outer lateral surface (14) has at least one region (38) with an area (20) containing a number of incisions (22), which increase the elasticity of the packing sleeve (10) in the peripheral direction (24). The packing sleeve (10) according to the invention can advantageously be used to enlarge the effective outer diameter of a printing unit cylinder (12) in an offset printing press by drawing the packing sleeve (10) over the printing unit cylinder (12) in the offset printing press.

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